

The Anchorage Sister Cities Commission is seeking dynamic, motivated, and internationally minded residents of Anchorage to serve as Commissioners.

## About Sister Cities

The Anchorage Sister Cities Commission was established in 1970, and became a full Commission in 1972. Its formation formally recognized the importance of cultural sport and educational exchange programs between Anchorage and other foreign cities as a means to foster mutual respect and goodwill.

The Commission is composed of Anchorage residents appointed by the Mayor and approved by the Assembly. Commissioners come from diverse groups within the community, including the fields of government, commerce and education, as well as representatives of various ethnic communities. The members volunteer their time and efforts.

## The Mandate

The Sister Cities Commission has been tasked with developing programs of cooperation, fostering mutual respect and good will, and promoting understanding between the people of the Sister Cities: Chitose, Japan; Darwin, Australia; Harbin, China; Incheon, Korea; Magadan, Russia; Tromsø, Norway; and Whitby, England.

Serving as a Commissioner is an excellent opportunity to drive Anchorage's diplomatic relationships. In compliance with Municipal Code 4.60.120, Commissioners shall support the Commission in its overarching mandate to:

1. Advise the Assembly and act as Assembly representative to the various Sister Cities committees.
2. Formulate a comprehensive Sister Cities program consistent with the purposes of the Commission for submission to the Assembly.
3. Gather information for and publicize activities of the Sister Cities Commission.
4. Solicit public participation and contributions in Sister Cities programs and activities.
5. Advise the Assembly and Mayor of the status of Commission activities.
6. Prepare and submit to the Assembly a yearly report of Commission activities.
7. Coordinate, aid or plan with or between educational institutions, community groups and interested persons to develop public interest and participation in the Sister Cities program.

Commissioners are individually responsible for:

1. Conducting diplomatic relations with their assigned Sister City.
2. Attending monthly meetings of the Commission and providing updates on present collaborations.
3. Submitting an annual report detailing work.
4. Attending four Welcoming Anchorage events in the community per year.

## Apply

All applicants should submit a statement of interest (not to exceed one page), three references, and a CV/résumé [here](#) by 5:00 PM August 16<sup>th</sup> to be considered.

Indigenous persons, persons of color, and LGBTQ persons are especially encouraged to apply.

*Please note that a prior connection of any kind to the cities/countries above is not a requirement to serve as a Commissioner. Foreign language skills are welcomed though not required.*